#### THE TOWNS AROUND.

Chester Edwards and Miss Nellie Varnum of Peacham were married Wednesday and left on the evening train for

Mrs. George I. Brown and her father, Nelson Renfrew, left Tuesday for North Carolina where they intend to spend

Rev. Hollis Jordan of Richmond, N. H., was in Barnet from Friday until Tuesday. Sunday he preached here and at East Barnet.

Miss Mary Bailey spent Sunday with her sister, Mrs. Farnum. Miss Carrie Woodruff of St. Johns-

bury spent Sunday with Miss Edith

Mrs. S. Moore visited in Lisbon, last

There is a good display of pretty Christmas goods at Laughlin's. Miss Anna Perry and Mrs. Mary Laughlin attended a reception to Mr. and Mrs. Archie Bone at the McPhee place Monday evening.

EAST BARNET. About forty called at John S. Bandy's Friday evening, Dec. 8, and presented Alvin N. Bandy a nice mantel bed, a pair of blankets and other presents. Refreshments were served and all enjoyed a pleasant evening.

Rev. Mr. Jordan preached here last Sunday afternoon. He was here ten years ago and held a series of meetings. Jessie McGill has gone to Bradford. Mass., to spend her vacation with friends

Mrs. Eugene Kendall, who has been on the sick list, is very much better.

May Gilfillan from Passumpsic was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Gilfillan over

Miss Della Dustin called on friends here last Saturday.

There will be a Christmas tree in the chapel Monday evening with singing and exercises by the children.

#### NORTH DANVILLE.

Myrtie Hastings, who has been in poor health for several months, died at her home here yesterday noon. She is well and pleasantly known here, having lived in town for several years. She was a young lady of a bright and happy disposition, and was especially interested in music, having been a member of the St. Johnsbury Choral Union for the past tew years. The funeral will be held from the house Thursday at 1 p. m.

#### GREENSBORO.

Harry Townsend has gone to Manchester where he has secured work for

A. C. Hooker fell from a barrel on which he was standing in the mill and sprained one wrist badly.

George Rogers has moved from the Spiers' farm to his father's house. Ben Dumas has taken a job to haul a

portion of the timber on the Simpson lot to the Gulf mill for \$2 per thousand. Homer Hartson has taken the William Spiers' farm at the halves and moved there the first of the week. Mr. Spiers

will live with him. Ralph Bedell and Miss Olive Drew were married Thursday evening at the home of Andrew Bedell, by Rev. N. A. Ross.

Ephraim Hartson will move into the Fred Goodrich house, recently bought by

his father, L. W. Hartson.

The lake froze over Saturday night.

The Caspian Lake creamery made 9,479 pounds of butter in November at a cost of \$277.24, and paid the patrons 23 cents per pound, a little less than some of our neighboring creameries paid.

We hope everybody will remember the Christmas tree Monday evening at the Congregational church and bring or send in their presents in the afternoon if

Mrs. Walter Jackson is on the sick list Ropert Ritchie has bought the timber on 250 acres of land in Wheelock, near Goose and Santa Claus" promises to be Duncan McFarlan's, of Mr. Cree, for \$1500, and has let the job of cutting and drawing to the Hill, or Lewis' mill for nearly completed

\$3 00 per thousand.

Wednesday evening the good people to the number of 85 surprised George Y. ing cough. Simpson and wite and notified them that it was twenty years since they were married. Abundant refreshments were furnished by the ladies and the party left a purse of money as a token of good will. After spending a very pleasant evening knowledge of his illness until word came ate car in place of the name Wagner as the self-invited guests returned to their respective homes. William Simpson is visiting his son Walter at Moody's school, Northfield,

and with him expects to visit friends in Holyoke, and Hazardville, Conn., before Mrs. M. Dunn is in town for a few

days looking after her property here. Between 80 and 90 friends and relatives

of Mr. and Mrs. William Young made them a visit last Friday in honor of the 30th anniversary of their marriage. The party were entertained with recitations, music and tableaux, interspersed with quaint Scotch songs and stories. Refreshmer ts were served and after presenting Mr. and Mrs. Young each with given in several years. The exercises a nice chair, a sum of money and many good wishes, the guests bade good night any and all to come and hear. All are to their host and hostess.

## Having a Great Run on Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.

Manager Martin of the Pierson drug store informs us that he is having a great rnn on Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. He sells five bottles of that medicine to one of any other kind, and it gives great satisfiction. In these days of la grippe there is nothing like Chamberlain's Cough Remedy to stop the cough, heal up the sore throat and lungs and give relief within a very short time. The sales are growing, and all who try it are pleased with its prompt action.-South Chicago Daily Calumet. For sale at Stiles Drug store.

#### LYNDON.

#### General Village Improvements.

The village water system being nearly completed, Mr. Woodbury discharged his help last Friday, having employed about 20 men for the work. A reservoir has been constructed on William Dowland's land to contain the water from several large springs. A main has been laid to conduct the water to the village and about twenty families are already being supplied. Thirteen hydrants are set and two more are to be put in. The work would have been finished had not a delay been occasioned by the absence of a quantity of pipe which was to have been laid across the river to connect Hadley-

ville. The pipe was shipped some time ago, but failed to arrive in the usual time. It has just been received and will probably be laid in a few days and several tamilies in Hadleyville will be added to the list. The village meeting held Dec. 6, voted to purchase 600 teet of hose and a hose cart. This has been done and they will be delivered in about a week. With streets and buildings lighted with electric lights, a good water system and appliances to reach all property within the fire district we think the village of Lyndon is up to date for a country village and a very desirable place of residence.

W. H. Bowker, who has been ill for some months, has just made his appearance on the street.

Ruth Paris has been quite sick with the grip but is beginning to get out again. James Drown, who has been sick since last May, is getting out and has done a little work at the blacksmith shop.

The Methodist Sunday school are rehearsing a cantata, "Waiting for Santa Claus," which is to be given Tuesday evening, Dec. 26, at the church. Much work is being put into it and good results are confidently expected. There will also be a Christmas tree at the same time

The Congregational Sunday school are preparing a cantata, "Santa Claus" Charm," to be given next Monday evening at the church. No pains will be spared to make it a pleasing entertain-

#### MCINDOE FALLS.

W. M. Dickson leaves to-night for San

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Duncan will receive their friends at their home on Friday. Dec. 22, in the afternoon and evening, it being the 25th anniversary of their

Mrs. Julia Smith has gone to Hanover to be absent several weeks.

Mr. Stuart, of Denver, who will be well remembered here, was in town on a short visit this week.

There will be a Christmas tree at the Academy hall on Monday evening. The Sunday school Christmas concert

will be next Sunday evening. Mrs. H. C. Ide spent several days at St. Johnsbury last week.

Mrs. Agnes Curtis is visiting in East

Rev. Mr. Kellogg, of Wilder, preached last Sunday. Mr. Kellogg was accom-panied here by his wife and little son.

The merchants have got in a good supply of Xmas goods, their windows and shelves being filled with many useful and pretty things. Guthrie & Peck also have a very good display of silver

#### LYNDON CENTER.

Robert McVicar, of Denver, is visiting his mother, Mrs. R. McVicar. He re-turns to the west next week. His wife, who has been spending several months at Barton Landing, is to accompany him to Battle Creek, Mich., where she will spend the winter.

Mrs. Orson Stone has returned from Montpelier, where she has been visiting her son, Hon. Mason S. Stone.

Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Drown are visiting their son, Ernest Drown, at Barre.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Bradley are in Boston this week, the guests of the Quincy House proprietor. Mrs. Calista Wilson was

last week. Miss Etta Currier, of Sheffield, is

boarding down here this week and working for Mrs. H. Dustin. Hon, T. N. Vail is expected home this week to spend Christmas.

Ceylon Forsyth, of Danville, was in town over Sunday. Frank Snelling's boy, Harold, has been quite sick with diphtheria for the past

week, but is better now. The Christmas exercises at the Free to do business. Baptist church are to be held next Monday evening. The cantata, "Mother

Robert McDowell has his new house nearly completed and will move into it in

a lew weeks. Laura Cragg is quite sick with whoop-

Joel and Austin Sanborn received notice last week of the death of their brother, Jonathan, who died in Chicago, Dec. 11. Mr. Sanborn spent a few days here this fall and his brothers had no that he was dead.

#### PASSUMPSIC. Rev. Mr. Mescham and wife returned

to their home monday night.

In the absence of the pastor last Sunday a sermon was read by J. H. Wark. The following officers were elected in the Christian Endeavor Society last Sunday evening: President, E. H. Lackie; vice pres., J. S Somers; secretary, Ida F Mullin; treasurer, Laura L. Lackie.

Reheaesals for the Christmas entertainment on Monday evening, Dec. 25, are Tribune. progressing finely, and we anticipate as inveresting a programme as has been will be chiefly musical and will repay invited to bring their presents to hang upon the tree.

The choir platform in the church is being enlarged to accommodate the increased numbers.

Ed. Hill's brother and wife, from Berlin, N. H., are visiting him here. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Denio have returned from their trip to the southern part of the state.

#### SOUTH RYEGATE.

J. R. W. Beattie expects to move into his store in the Gibson block this week. Fred Tewksbury and George Roben were in Hardwick last Monday on busi-

Bennett Terry is clerking in the store of Terry and George. A number from here attended the auc-

tion sale of R. F. Jaynes last Tucsday. Preparations are being made for a Christmas tree and a programme at the First Presbyterian church next Monday evening

The Mission Band of the Reformed Presbyterian church held its annual barrel opening last Tuesday evening in

Edwards-Varnum. Miss Nellie Varuum and Chester Edwards of Barnet were united in marriage last Wednesday, Dcc. 13, at the home of the bride. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. K. Williams at four o'clock, in the presence of a few near triends and relatives. The bridal party entered the room to the strains of Lohengrin's wedding march, played by Miss Ola Morse. John and Jessie Varnum acted as best man and maid of honor. The bride was dressed in white. Mr. and Mrs. Edwards left on the night train for different places in Massachusetts, where they will spend a few weeks and then start for Los Angeles, where they will make their future home. Mrs. Edwards was one of Peacham's most popular voung ladies, and the best wishes of friends go with her to her new home in

Mrs. Matthew Steele from California has been visiting friends in town the past

Dr. David E. Harrimanleaves this week for South Hadley Falls, Mass., where he takes the large practice of Dr. Robinson, who will retire from business. Dr. Harriman has been in town for only a year, but during that time he has gained a large practice and made hosts of friends as he was very popular with both old and young. He will be greatly missed in the musical circle, as he was a fine musician, and while his friends regret that he is to leave, they tender him their best wishes for his success in his new and larger field of labor.

The S. T. O. society gave a dramatic entertainment at Academy Hall last Friday night for the benefit of the society. The Sixty Club took dinner with Mrs.

Ashabel Martin last week and report a Christmas will be observed in the usual way at Academy Hall Monday night. answer, in chorus, was "Dewey!" There will be a tree and exercises con-

sisting of music and recitations by the children, also music by the choir. Miss Nellie M. Harvey entertained a few musical friends very hospitably one

night last week. Work on "Queen Esther" is progressing finely and it will be presented the latter part of January. This will be a treat to lovers of music and all should plan to hear it.

Dr. D. E. Harriman spent a few days with his parents at St. Johnsbury Centre

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Johnsbury, Vt. A physician is to locate in the town of tail .- [Troy Times. Hubbardtown, which hasn't had a doc-

tor for forty years. The citizens of Island Pond are endeavoring to have the repair shops of the Grand Trunk railroad moved to that money enough to pay for the surgical

According to the report of the commissioner of navigation, showing by states and territories the number and gross tonnage of registered, enrolled and licensed vessels of the United States, Vermont has 23 vessels with a total tonnage of 23,986. There is talk of starting a bank in

Pawlet village. The county is said to be full of idle money and at least \$50,000 would be ready any time it was wanted Captain Dodd of the Third Cavalry,

formerly stationed at Fort Ethan Allen is being sued in Burlington city court for the price of a baseball outfit purchased by soldiers at the fort. The Vermont Shade Roller company of

Vergennes reports that they have never been so crowded with orders. The orders now on the books would keep them running two months. Two new machines have been added to the shop to expedite the filling of orders.

Dr. Webb, of Shelburne, has had the N. Y. C. & H. R. R. R. lettered on his priv-

Horrible Thought.—'You know, I pre-sume," said the member of the family who had visited Washington and gazed upon the nation's archives, "that the original Declaration of Independence can scarcely be deciphered at all nowadays. The ink with which it was written has faded till only faint traces of the words remain."

"Gracious!" exclaimed the Sweet Young Thing, "When it all fades away will Great Britain have a right to come over and take the country?"-[Chicago

Walter Williams, of Columbia, Mo., edits two newspapers, is president of the school board, curator of the state university, is a pillar in the church, and teaches a Sunday school class of 150 scholars. "Mamma, is it because God goes to the sea shore in summer that our church was closed?"-[Brooklyn Life.

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THAT'S WHAT



#### Chris'mas Comin' Soon.

Ol' 'possum settin' on a 'simmon tree, Chris'mas comin' soon.
I wink at him an' he wink at me, Chris'mas comin' soon I say: 'Ol' 'possom doan you maik no face, I leab yo' hea' in de fat'nin' place— Come baek bimeby an' I 'tend yo' case," Chris'mas comin' soon. Ol' turkey roostin' on a crooked limb, Or turkey roostin' on a crooked limb,
Chris'mas comin' soon.

I done gone proleck bimeby wif him,
Chris'mas comin' soon.

He got so fat dat his skin turn blue,
De white folks watch till dey think he do,
An' dis ol' culled n an watchin,' too,
Chrismas comin' soon.

Won't hang no stockin' on de cabin wall. Chris'mas comin' soon.
'Fraid ol' Mahsteh Santy won't come at all,
Chris'mas comin' soon.
De good Lawd whispeh when I dream at "Rouse up, ol' sleepah, for de day get light.
An' yank dat turkey from de white man's

Sight! Chris'mas comin' soon. We soon be squattin' at de banquet bo'd, Chris'mas comin' soon.

I ask de blessin' from de dis'nin Lawd,
Chris'mas comin' soon.

Den I take dat 'possom an' I break de bone,
An' I pou' de gravy on de o' co'n pone,
An' I cyarve dat turkey what de white folks

## mou'n, Chris'mas comin' soon, —[Denver Post,

December Humor. The Rev. Dr. D. P. Johnston, of St. Louis, in a talk to the children in an orphan asylum recently, narrated some of the biography of Sampson, he who slew the Phillistines with the jawbone of an ass. When the juvenile curiosity was aroused, Dr. Johnston asked them if they could tell the man's name. The

Kentucky, O Kentucky, Kentucky, O Kentucky,
I love your classic feuds,
Where the state is rid of hoodlums,
Of liars and of dudes.
Where the whiskey punch is gurgling
Till its time to go to bed;
Where the corn is full of kernels,
And the colonels full of lead.

-[Memphis Commercial Appeal The lesson was from the "Prodigal Son," and the Sunday school teacher was dwelling on the character of the elder brother. "But amidst all the rejoicing," he said, "there was one to whom the preparation of the feast brought no joy, to whom the prodigal's return gave no pleasure, but only bitterness: one who did not approve of the teast being held, and who had no wish

to attend it. Now, can any of you tell me who this was?" There was a breathless silence, folowed by a vigorous cracking of thumbs, and then from a dozen sympathetic little geniuses came the chorus. "Please, sir, geniuses came the chorus. "Please, sir, it was the fatted calf."-[Louisville

Evening Post. Even poets sometimes talk as if confession were good for the soul. W. E. Henley in the North American Review

My songs were once of the sunrise; They shouted it over the bar. It is encouraging to temperance sen timents that poets can still write without the stimulus of the morning cock-

"Hobbs didn't have appendicitis after "Who said so?"

town from Gorbam and Richmond. The shops would employ 100 to 200 men. "Borography operation." [New York Herald." "Begorra, an its har-rd to collict money these days." "Is you been tryin to e'lect some, Mr. Murphy?"

"Divil a cint, but there's plinty tryin to collict from me."-[New York Truth. Sprocket-"I've just joined the Beginers' Cycle club." Handlebar—"What are your colors?" Sprocket—"Black and blue."—[Chic-

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## Bankruptcy Notice.

PETITION OF DISCHARGE.

In the matter of Minnie I Stevens In Bankruptcy. Bankrupt.

To the Hon, Hoyt H, Wheeler, Judge of the District Court of the United States for the District of Vermont. the District of Vermont.

Minnie I Stevens of St. Johnsbury, in the County of Caledonia and State of Vermont, in said District, respectfully represents:

That on the 1st day of November lost past, she was duly adjudged bankrupt under the Acts of Congress relating to bankruptey; that she has duly surrendered all her property, and rights of property, and has fully complied with all the requirements of said Acts and of the orders of the Court touching her bankruptey; ruptcy; Wherefore, she prays that she may be decreed

by the court to have full discharge from all debts provable against her estate under said Bankrupt Acts. except such debts as are ex-cepted by law from such discharge. Dated this 2d day of December A. D. 1899. MINNIE I. STEVENS, Bankrupt.

ORDER OF NOTICE THEREON. United States District Court for the District of Vermont,
Minnie I. Stevens, Bankrupt, Discharge,
Notice is hereby given that Minnie I. Stevens,
Bankrupt, has filed her petition, dated
December 21, 1899, praying for a discharge
from all her debts in bankruptey, and that
all creditors and other persons objecting to
such discharge may appear before me at my
office in St. Johnsbury aforesaid, on the 15th
day of January, 1900, at 1 o'clock p. m. and
then and there present their objections, if
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